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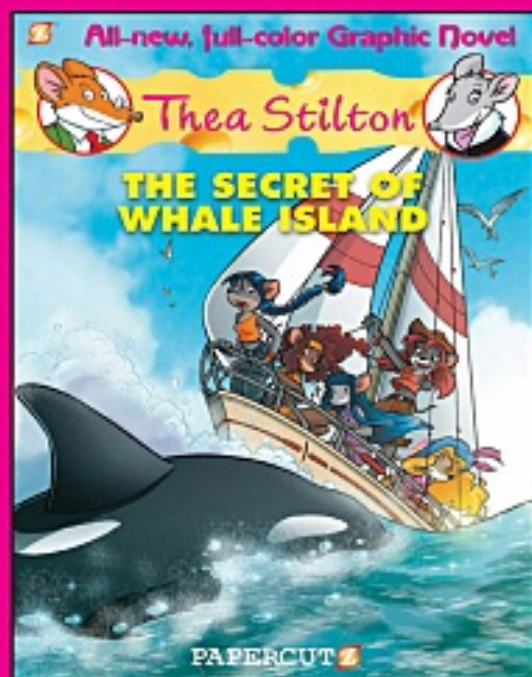


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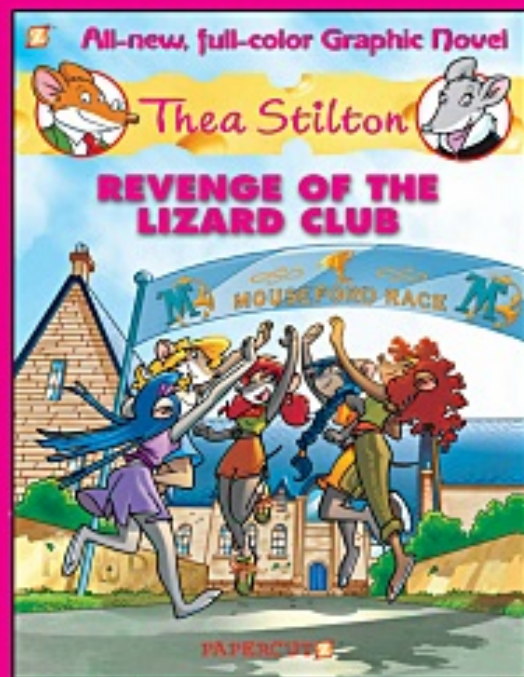


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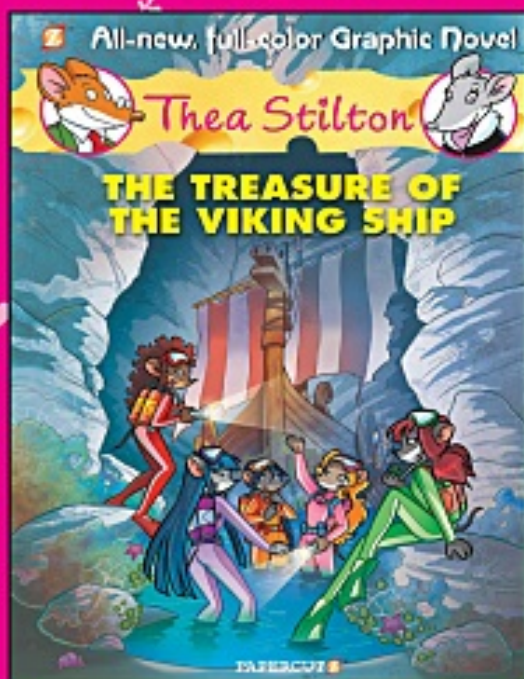


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AT THE VERY PRESTIGIOUS  
**MOUSEFORD ACADEMY**  
 ON *Whale Island!*  
 THE SCHOOL YEAR HAS  
 JUST BEGUN...AND IT'S  
*ELECTION* SEASON!

THE TWO STUDENT CLUBS-- LIZARD FOR THE GIRLS AND GECKO FOR THE GUYS-- CHOOSE THEIR PRESIDENTS EVERY THREE YEARS...

CRAIG, YOU'RE A **LEGEND!**

YOU'RE THE BEST!

**CRAIG FOR GECKO CLUB PRESIDENT**

VOTE SHEN GECKO PRESIDENT!

CRAIG

CRAIG

HI, PAM!

HEY THERE, SHEN! I HEARD YOU WERE A CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT OF THE GECKO CLUB! GOOD LUCK!

CRAIG IS SO ATHLETIC!

HE'S SURE TO WIN! NO ONE CAN BEAT HIM!

!

HE'S SURE TO  
WIN! NO ONE CAN  
BEAT HIM!





...EXCEPT  
VIC DE VISSEN,  
OF COURSE!

YOU'RE RIGHT,  
ZOE! IF VIC RUNS,  
HE'LL WIN FOR SURE!

?



I'M ROOTING  
FOR YOU,  
CRAIG!

THERE'S NO  
WAY VIC CAN  
BEAT ME!



VIC DOESN'T HAVE A  
QUARTER OF CRAIG'S  
MUSCLES!

...AND CRAIG  
ISN'T A TENTH AS  
CUTE AS VIC!



VIC DOESN'T HAVE THE *GUTS*  
TO CHALLENGE YOU!

HE'S JUST GOT A  
SWELLED HEAD!

HEY  
LOOK  
WHO IT  
IS!

>GRUNT<



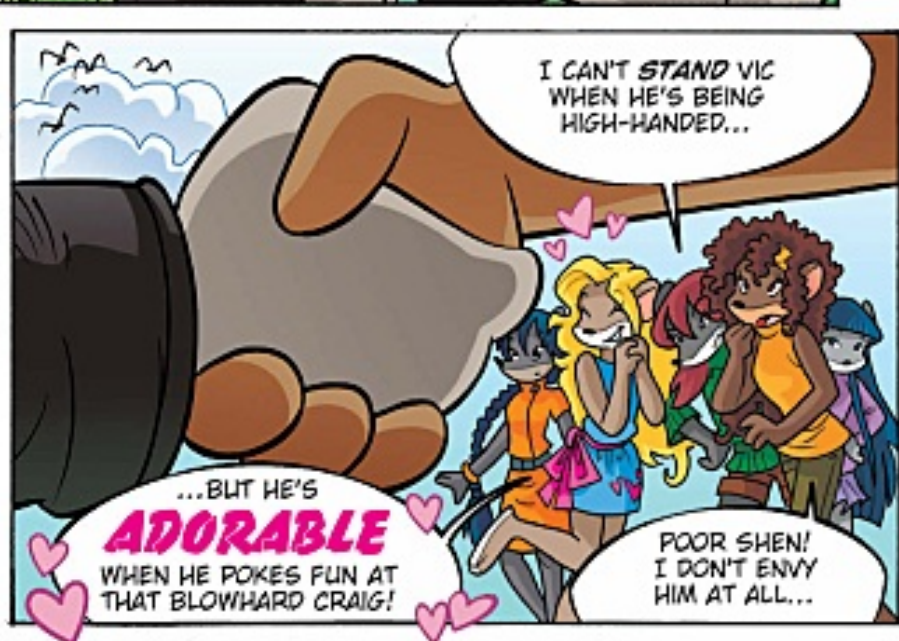
**VIC!**

HEY, YOU, BETTER  
STAY AWAY FROM  
THE GECKOS!

?

YEAH! WE'RE  
ALLERGIC TO  
'FRIDY  
MICE!







I TOOK CRAIG'S DARE BUT... WHAT EXACTLY DOES IT INVOLVE?

ACCORDING TO MOUSEFORD TRADITION, THE CANDIDATES HAVE TO PARTICIPATE IN **THREE DIFFERENT COMPETITIONS...**

**BRAINPOWER, CRAFTS, AND SPORTS!**

WHOEVER COMES IN FIRST GETS 3 POINTS, SECOND GETS 2, THIRD GETS 1...AND WHOEVER DOESN'T FINISH A COMPETITION GETS ZERO POINTS.

ZOE, ALICIA, AND CONNIE CAN'T WAIT TO TELL VANILLA DE VISSSEN THE BIG NEWS...

CRAIG CHALLENGED YOUR BROTHER AND HE ACCEPTED!

VIC'S GOING TO BE THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE GECKOS!

OH, VANILLA! YOU SHOULD MAKE A BID TO BE PRESIDENT OF THE LIZARD CLUB, TOO! YOU AND VIC WOULD BE A MAGNIFICENT **PAIR!**

ONLY TWO STUDENTS HAVE SIGNED UP SO FAR!

TANYA AND DINA!

DINA SQUID! THE THEA SISTERS' FRIEND...

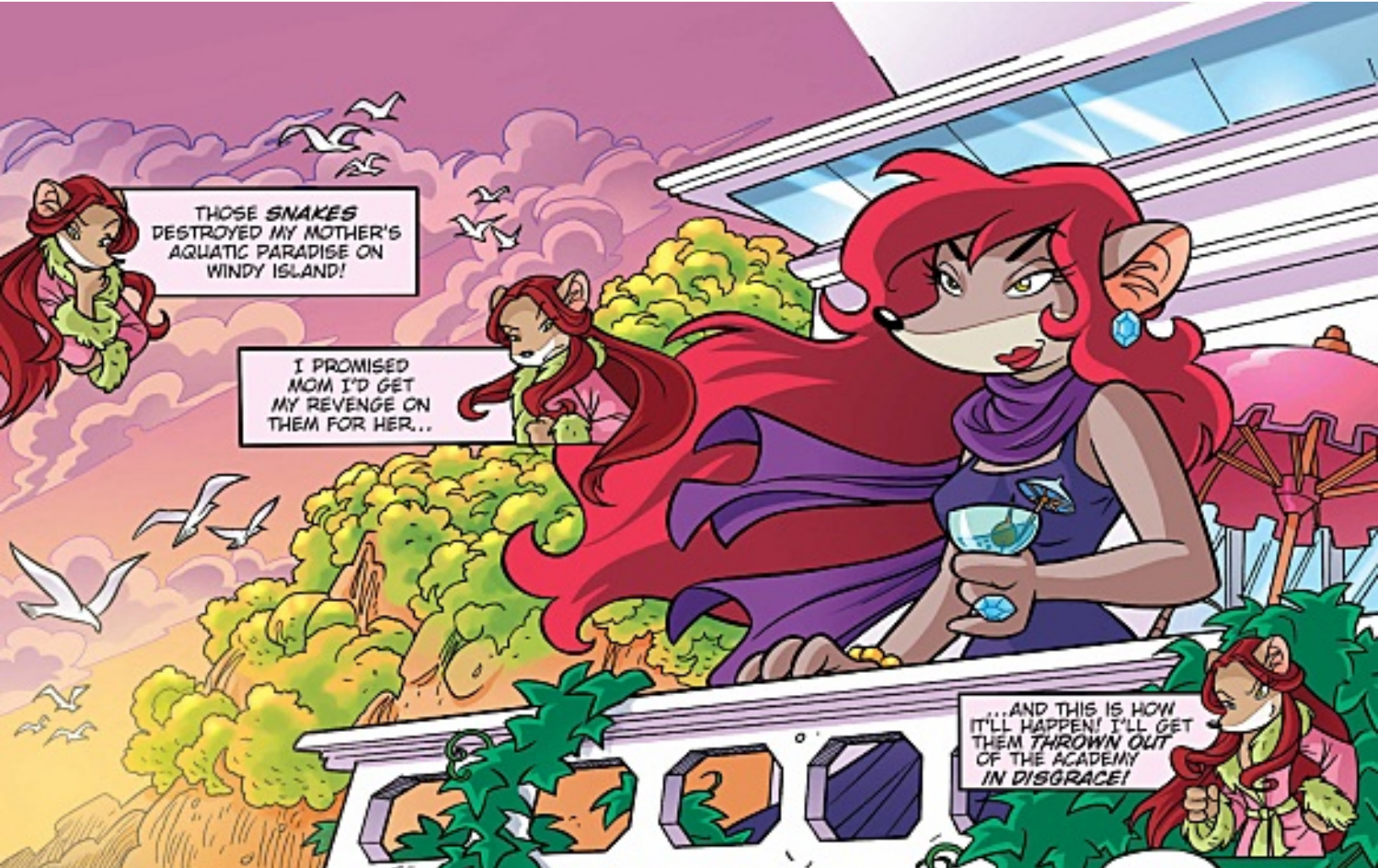
THE THEA SISTERS ARE ROOTING FOR HER, AND NICKY'S HELPING HER TRAIN FOR THE FOOT RACE--THE SPORTS COMPETITION!

THE THEA SISTERS! I'VE GOT A SCORE TO SETTLE WITH THOSE FIVE...

A FRIEND OF THOSE **BUSYBODIES** WILL NEVER BE THE PRESIDENT OF THE LIZARD CLUB!

\*SEE THEA STILTON #1 "THE SECRET OF WHALE ISLAND."





THOSE **SNAKES** DESTROYED MY MOTHER'S AQUATIC PARADISE ON WINDY ISLAND!

I PROMISED MOM I'D GET MY REVENGE ON THEM FOR HER...

...AND THIS IS HOW IT'LL HAPPEN! I'LL GET THEM THROWN OUT OF THE ACADEMY IN DISGRACE!



BUT I DON'T WANT TO EXPOSE MYSELF TOO MUCH!

IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL, VANILLA! WE'D ALL ROOT FOR YOU!



THANK YOU VERY MUCH... BUT I THINK ALICIA HAS A MUCH BETTER CHANCE!

WHA--?!

**ME?!**



ALICIA WILL BE **PERFECT!** AND WE'LL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO SUPPORT HER!

IF YOU SAY SO...

THANKS... I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY...



I CAN CONTROL ALICIA LIKE A PUPPET! AND WHEN SHE'S HEAD OF THE LIZARD CLUB... I'LL SEE THAT THE THEA SISTERS' LIVES BECOME IMPOSSIBLE!



THE SPORTS COMPETITION IS THE SAME AS ALWAYS: THE "MOUSEFORD RACE," A FOOT RACE AROUND THE ISLAND. THE PARTICIPANTS ARE TRAINING FOR IT...



COME WITH US! IT'S EASIER TO RUN TOGETHER!



DON'T STOP, TANYA! YOU'RE ALL SWEATY AND WITH THIS WIND YOU'LL CATCH COLD!

-PANT!-  
-PANT!-

I CAN'T-  
-PUFF-  
CAN'T...  
MAKE IT  
-OOF!-



I'LL SLOW DOWN, TOO! THIS CLIMB GETS YOU OUT OF BREATH!

THE COURSE IS HARD AND IT'S EVEN MORE ARDUOUS FOR A CERTAIN SOMEONE!



-PANT!-  
-PANT!-



FASTER, ALICIA! YOU'RE LIKE A SLUG WITH CALLUSES!



-HUFF- I'M GIVING IT EVERYTHING I'VE GOT...

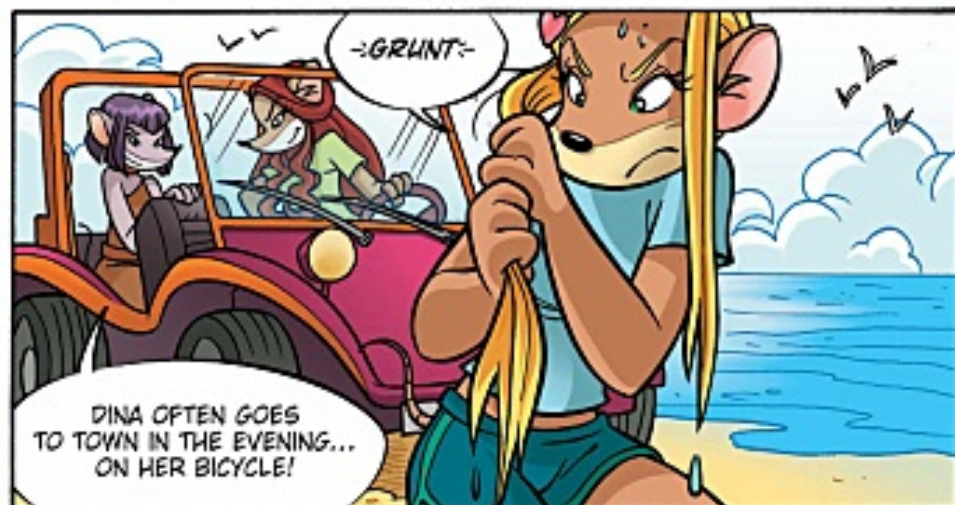
...BUT MAYBE IT'S NOT ENOUGH!  
-GROAN- I GIVE UP!

YOU'RE SUCH A LUMMOX!



THUMP









THOSE GECKOS  
ARE SO STRICT!

WE SHOULD HAVE  
THEM STAND GUARD DURING  
FINALS! HEE! HEE!

THE  
COMPETITIONS  
TO BECOME  
PRESIDENT  
ARE AWFUL! I  
PARTICIPATED IN  
THEM MANY YEARS  
AGO... AND I STILL  
HAVE NIGHTMARES  
ABOUT THEM!



HOW  
MUCH  
TIME DO  
THEY  
GET?

WHATEVER THEY  
NEED! ALL THE  
PARTICIPANTS WILL  
FINISH... OR THROW  
IN THE TOWEL!



BYE!

BYE,  
DINA!

ARE YOU  
LEAVING? DON'T  
YOU WANT TO WAIT  
FOR THE RESULTS  
OF THE GECKO  
COMPETITION?



LEO'S WAITING FOR  
ME AT THE FLYING  
DUTCHMAN! YOU CAN  
TELL ME HOW IT WENT  
AFTERWARDS!

SAY "HI" TO  
HIM FOR US!



SHE TRAINED ALL DAY AND  
STILL HAS THE STRENGTH  
TO RIDE HER BIKE TO THE  
HARBOR... WHAT  
STAMINA!

DINA LOOKS SKINNY, BUT  
SHE'S REALLY TOUGH!

TOO  
TOUGH FOR  
MY PLANS!



AS USUAL, THE FLYING DUTCHMAN IS THE PLACE ON WHALE ISLAND WHERE EVERYONE HANGS OUT...

FLYING DUTCHMAN

HEY THERE, LEOPOLD!

IT'S BEEN AWHILE SINCE WE'VE SEEN YOU!

IF YOU LIKE ADVENTURE STORIES (OR MAYBE A BIT OF A TALL TALE...), THIS IS THE RIGHT PLACE TO HEAR THEM!

WELL, MY FRIENDS, LIFE ON THE SEA IS ALWAYS ROUGH!

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU THIS TIME?

TELL US, LEO!

SOMETHING INCREDIBLE! A BLACK SHIP BARELY MISSED SINKING MY BOAT, THE PROVOLONE II, BY A HAIR!

?!

WE'D ALREADY BEEN OUT FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS BUT OUR NETS WERE STILL EMPTY...

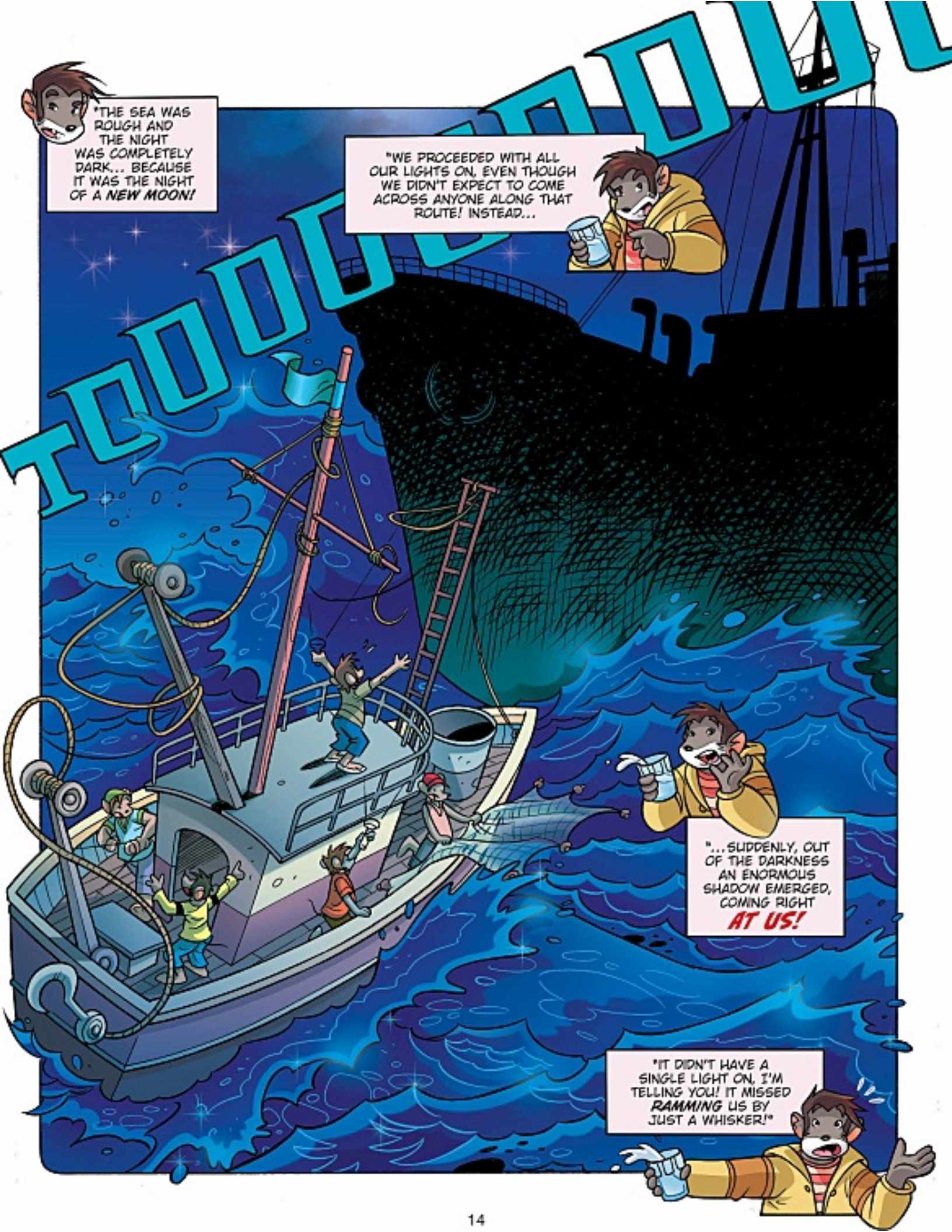
"...SO I DECIDED TO MOVE TO BETTER WATERS! I PASSED SEAGULLS BAY AND SAILED NORTH TOWARDS A BETTER AREA, UP TO MERMAID'S DEEP!"





"THE SEA WAS  
ROUGH AND  
THE NIGHT  
WAS COMPLETELY  
DARK... BECAUSE  
IT WAS THE NIGHT  
OF A NEW MOON!

"WE PROCEEDED WITH ALL  
OUR LIGHTS ON, EVEN THOUGH  
WE DIDN'T EXPECT TO COME  
ACROSS ANYONE ALONG THAT  
ROUTE! INSTEAD...



"...SUDDENLY, OUT  
OF THE DARKNESS  
AN ENORMOUS  
SHADOW EMERGED,  
COMING RIGHT  
**AT US!**

"IT DIDN'T HAVE A  
SINGLE LIGHT ON, I'M  
TELLING YOU! IT MISSED  
**RAMMING** US BY  
JUST A WHISKER!"







HA! HA!  
HA!

THAT'S A GOOD  
ONE! A GHOST SHIP AT  
MERMAID'S  
DEEP!

ONLY YOU  
WOULD HAVE AN  
ADVENTURE LIKE  
THAT, LEO!

IT'S TRUE!  
I DIDN'T MAKE  
IT UP!

WAS THERE A PIRATE  
ON THE SHIP, TOO?  
HEE! HEE!  
HEE!

COME ON, LEO...  
WE'RE BETTER  
OFF GOING!

THEY'RE  
LAUGHING LIKE  
HYENAS, THOSE  
BLOCKHEADS!

-AHEM;-... MAYBE  
THIS TIME YOU EXAGGERATED,  
LEO! A GHOST SHIP...?



I'M  
NOT A  
LIAR! WHY  
DON'T THEY  
BELIEVE  
ME?



OH, NO!  
EVEN YOU  
THINK I'M  
MAKING IT  
UP, DINA?

WELL... IF YOU'RE GOING TO  
TELL TALL TALES, THEN IT'S  
HARD TO INSIST ON BEING  
TAKEN SERIOUSLY!



IF THAT'S WHAT  
YOU THINK... JUST  
GO BACK TO YOUR  
FRIENDS AT THE  
ACADEMY! I'M  
SURE EVERYONE  
GOING TO SCHOOL  
THERE IS  
MORE  
SERIOUS...

HEY! I PEDALED ALL  
THE WAY HERE FROM  
MOUSEFORD TO BE  
WITH YOU AND YOU'RE  
TREATING ME LIKE  
THIS?



NEXT TIME  
YOU CAN COME  
TO ME!

-OOF;-...  
NOW THIS!  
SOMEONE BROKE  
MY LIGHT!



IT'S TOO  
LATE TO REPAIR  
IT! IF I GET BACK  
TO THE ACADEMY  
AFTER CURFEW, I'LL  
GET A DEMERIT! I'LL  
TAKE CARE OF THIS  
TOMORROW!



MEANWHILE, AT  
MOUSEFORD...

HERE THEY  
ARE! THEY'RE  
COMING  
OUT!

FINALLY!

WHO WON?

VIC

CRAIG

HOW'D IT  
GO, CRAIG?

IT WAS AWFUL!

OH, YOU POOR  
THING!

DID YOU COME  
IN FIRST, BABY  
BROTHER?

SECOND!  
IT WAS  
REALLY HARD!

I WAS ALMOST  
READY TO GIVE UP,  
LIKE CRAIG DID!

IDIOT! YOU  
SHOULDN'T HAVE  
PARTICIPATED!

AS MOM SAYS...  
DON'T ENTER THE FRAY  
IF YOU AREN'T SURE  
YOU'LL WIN!

I DON'T THINK  
THAT'S A GOOD LESSON.  
THERE ARE STILL **TWO**  
COMPETITIONS LEFT!

IN THE  
THEA SISTERS'  
ROOM...

HEY, GUYS,  
GUESS WHO  
WON? SHEN!

SHEN'S A  
REAL **BRAIN!**

...EVEN THOUGH HE'S  
IN LOVE WITH  
PAM!





WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT, COLETTE? WE'RE JUST FRIENDS!

THE POOR GUY ENTERED JUST TO IMPRESS YOU!

?



HELLO, DINA! SPEAK LOUDER! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?

???



I FELL OFF MY BIKE! OW!  
I CAN'T GET BACK ON MY OWN!

I'M ON MY WAY,  
DON'T WORRY!



DINA FELL NEAR RABBIT RUN!

LET'S GO GET HER WITH MY ATV!

**WAIT!**  
I CAN'T GO LIKE THIS! I HAVE TO CHANGE!

REALLY, COLETTE? DO IT QUICKLY!



SHORTLY THEREAFTER, THE THEA SISTERS HELP THEIR FRIEND...

DOES IT HURT A LOT, DINA?

CAREFUL! IT MIGHT BE BROKEN!

I JUST SPRAINED MY ANKLE!



THE BIKE IS FINE... EXCEPT FOR THE LIGHT!

OH, THAT WAS ALREADY BROKEN! I FOUND IT LIKE THAT WHEN I LEFT THE FLYING DUTCHMAN! SOMEONE MUST HAVE BROKEN IT...

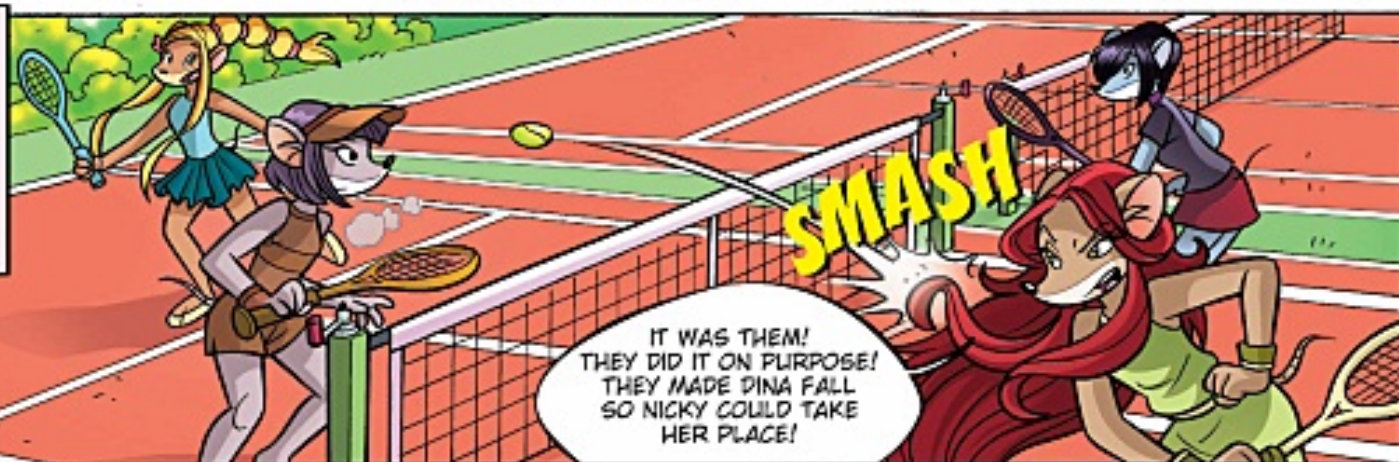








VANILLA DOESN'T TAKE THAT WELL... AND TO VENT HER RAGE, SHE PAINTS THE THEA SISTERS IN A BAD LIGHT!





NOT FAR AWAY,  
THE SECOND GECKO  
COMPETITION IS  
BEGINNING! THE  
CRAFT COMPETITION!

IS EVERYTHING  
CLEAR? ASSEMBLE THE  
GO-CART BY FOLLOWING  
THE INSTRUCTIONS, THEN  
HOP IN AND CIRCLE  
THE ACADEMY!

WHOEVER  
GETS THERE FIRST  
WINS!

HI, PAM!

I'VE DRIVEN  
LOTS OF THEM  
BUT I'VE NEVER  
BUILT ONE!

NOW I UNDERSTAND  
WHY SHEN ASKED ME  
ALL THOSE QUESTIONS  
ABOUT ENGINES...

AH, L'AMOUR...  
WHAT PEOPLE WON'T  
DO FOR LOVE!

THAT'S IT!  
I'VE HAD ENOUGH  
OF--

TWEEEE

HUSH, YOU  
TWO! THE  
COMPETITION'S  
STARTING...

LET'S SEE...  
PLACE CHASSIS A  
ON SUPPORT F...

PROBLEMS, VIC?  
JUST COPY ME... IF  
YOU CAN KEEP UP!

DO WE STUDY  
MECHANICS HERE  
AT MOUSEFORD,  
TOO?

NO! BUT THE ADVENTUROUS  
JOURNALISM SYLLABUS INCLUDES  
LESSONS ON HOW TO GET  
YOURSELF OUT OF EXTREME  
SITUATIONS!



THERE WAS NOTHING FOR VIC TO DO EXCEPT ROLL UP HIS SLEEVES AND... FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTION MANUAL!



WHAT'S A... WRANCH?

IT'S NOT AS HARD AS IT SEEMS! YOU JUST HAVE TO FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS PATIENTLY!



OF COURSE... TOO BAD THEY'RE WRITTEN IN AN UNINTELLIGIBLE LANGUAGE!

CRAIG'S TERRIFIC WITH MACHINES! HE'S ALREADY FINISHED...



WHAT A DEPRESSING SIGHT! VIC SHOULD WITHDRAW! IF OUR MOM KNEW HE'D STOOPED TO DOING WORK LIKE THIS...

DONE!

WHY DOESN'T THIS SEAT WANT TO GO INTO PLACE?



YOU CRUSHED 'EM, CRAIG!

YOU'RE THE TOPS, CRAIG!



JUST TAKE YOUR TIME, GUYS! I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW IN CLASS!

-GRUNT!-





CRAIG IS DEFINITELY FIRST IN THE CRAFTS COMPETITION!

IT'S NICE TO SEE THE KIDS COMPETING CHIVALROUSLY!

VIC AND SHEN FINISH THEIR CHALLENGE, TOO!

FINISH

HURRAY!

YAY CRAIG!

VIC'S LOOKS LIKE A MOUSELING'S PUSH CART!

SHEN DID A GOOD JOB!

~PUFF~  
...WHAT A STRUGGLE!

PUFF...  
VRONN...  
VRONN

HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON?

BRAKE,  
SHEN!

vro...  
VRONN

...vro  
VRONN

UH... MAYBE I SHOULD'VE GOTTEN A DRIVER'S LICENSE!

HE PUT IT INTO REVERSE!

WHAT A KLUTZ!



DESPITE HIS STRUGGLES,  
VIC REACHES THE  
FINISH LINE!



WELL, HE CAME  
IN SECOND!

HE CAN  
STILL WIN!

HA! HA!  
HA! HA!

HE'S MADE  
A LAUGHING  
STOCK OF THE  
DE VISSEN NAME!

AFTER THE GECKOS FIRST TWO  
COMPETITIONS, THE LIZARDS-- THAT  
IS, THE GIRLS-- COMPETITIONS BEGIN!



YOU'LL COMPETE IN THE **BRAIN-  
POWER** COMPETITION IN THREE  
DIFFERENT ROOMS! YOU MAY  
NOT COMMUNICATE AMONG  
YOURSELVES NOR WITH  
ANYONE FROM  
OUTSIDE!

AND IF WE NEED  
TO GET OUT?



KNOCK ON  
THE DOOR! THERE  
WILL BE A SUPERVISOR  
THERE THROUGHOUT  
THE ENTIRE  
COMPETITION!

THE THREE  
CANDIDATES ARE  
SEPARATED.  
TANYA IS IN THE  
HERBALIST'S LAB.  
NICKY IS IN THE  
MAP ROOM...



?

HI, VANILLA, DO  
YOU HEAR ME? THE  
COMPETITION IS A  
PUZZLE WITH A  
PIECE MISSING...

...WHILE ALICIA  
WINDS UP IN THE  
LIBRARY!



CLANK







MEANWHILE  
NICKY'S STILL  
LOST...

...SOMETHING ELSE  
LIKE... GEOGRAPHIC  
COORDINATES! BUT OF  
COURSE! WHY DIDN'T I SEE  
THAT? 36 LATITUDE **NORTH**  
AND 27 LONGITUDE  
**EAST!**

IT CAN'T BE  
A LICENSE PLATE!  
IT HAS TO BE  
SOMETHING ELSE...  
SOMETHING CONNECTED  
TO THIS PLACE...

HERE IT  
IS... BUT...

**HEY!**  
THERE'S A  
LITTLE HIDING  
PLACE...

**AHA!**

LET'S SEE WHERE  
ON THE PLANET IT  
CORRESPONDS TO!  
MAYBE I'LL FIND A  
CLUE THERE THAT  
WILL HELP ME  
SOLVE THE  
MYSTERY...

I DID IT!

YOU WERE  
GREAT...

...BUT TANYA WAS  
THE QUICKEST!

OH!







THE COMPETITION ENDS AND THE RANKINGS SHOW TANYA IN THE LEAD... AHEAD OF ALICIA, AS ALWAYS!

*Princess Club Score*  
at the end of Competition 9:  
TANYA  
3 POINTS  
NICKY  
2 POINTS  
ALICIA 1 POINT

HIP HIP HOORAY!

HA! HA!  
HA!

YAY TANYA!

IN VANILLA'S ROOM,  
IT'S TIME FOR A  
**TOP SECRET**  
MEETING!

TOMORROW WILL BE THE  
CRAFT COMPETITION...  
AND YOU HAVE TO WIN  
THAT AT ANY COST!

IT'LL BE AN  
**ORIENTEERING\***  
COMPETITION IN  
NIGHTINGALE WOODS!  
TANYA WILL GO FIRST, ALICIA  
SECOND, AND NICKY THIRD!

I HAVE A MAP OF THE WOODS  
HERE! A FRIEND MARKED THE  
SHORTEST COURSE...

GOOD WORK,  
ZOE!

TO FINISH  
FIRST, YOU  
JUST HAVE  
TO MEMORIZE  
THE ROUTE,  
ALICIA!

BY  
HEART?  
OH, NO...

SOMETHING TELLS ME IT  
WOULD'VE BEEN BETTER  
TO FIND ANOTHER  
SOLUTION!

-SIGH-...

...

\*A SPORT IN WHICH COMPETITORS NAVIGATE UNFAMILIAR TERRAIN USING A MAP AND A COMPASS!





THE NEXT MORNING,  
THE LIZARD CRAFT  
COMPETITION **BEGINS**  
IN NIGHTINGALE  
WOODS!

THE COMPETITORS HAVE  
A TOPOGRAPHIC MAP  
AND A COMPASS TO  
FOLLOW THE  
PATH WITH.

RUSHING ALONG  
WITHOUT CONSULTING  
THE MAP COULD LEAD  
TO CHOOSING THE  
WRONG PATH! BUT  
GOING TOO CAUTIOUSLY  
WILL MEAN LOSING  
PRECIOUS MINUTES!

WHOEVER  
REACHES THE  
FINISH LINE IN  
THE SHORTEST  
TIME WINS!



THERE ARE THOSE  
WHO GET LOST...



THOSE WHO GO  
CAREFULLY...



AND THOSE  
WHO  
CHEAT...



THIS TIME VANILLA'S PLAN  
WORKED AND SO...

ALICIA'S COMING!  
SHE CLEARED  
A TIME OF 56  
MINUTES AND  
20 SECONDS!



HURRAY!

BUT  
WHERE'D  
TANYA WIND UP?

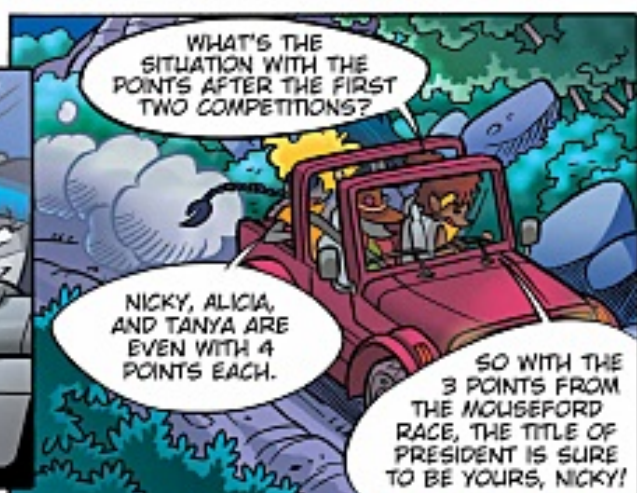
AFTER A FEW  
MINUTES IT'S  
NICKY'S TURN...



...WHILE THINGS  
GO ON A TAD  
LONG FOR TANYA.









BY TRADITION, THE FINAL COMPETITION FOR THE TWO CLUBS IS ALWAYS HELD ON A SUNDAY. THE GECKO SAILING RACE IS IN THE MORNING AND THE LIZARD FOOT RACE IN THE AFTERNOON!





THE RACE BETWEEN CRAIG AND VIC IS VERY TIGHT! NEITHER OF THE TWO IS INCLINED TO YIELD...



...BUT BOTH HAVE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT A HINDRANCE NAMED SHEN!



TURN, SHEN...  
TURN!

HE'S HEADED  
STRAIGHT FOR  
THE ROCKS!

—ARGH!—

HE JUMPED JUST  
IN TIME!

RIGHT...  
BUT THE  
PROBLEM IS THAT  
HE DOESN'T KNOW  
HOW TO SWIM!

HEL—  
—SOLUN!—

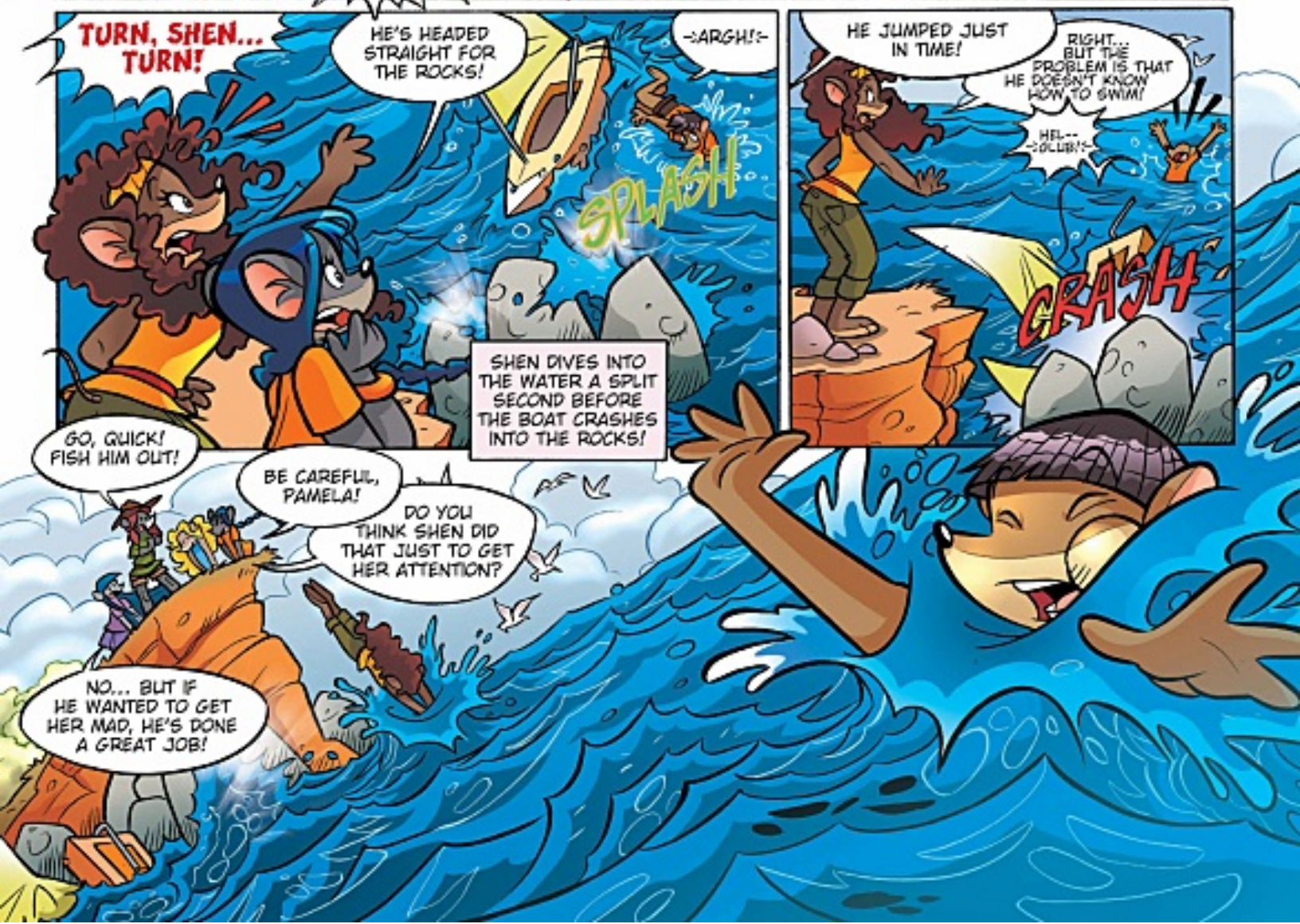
SHEN DIVES INTO  
THE WATER A SPLIT  
SECOND BEFORE  
THE BOAT CRASHES  
INTO THE ROCKS!

GO, QUICK!  
FISH HIM OUT!

BE CAREFUL,  
PAMELA!

DO YOU  
THINK SHEN DID  
THAT JUST TO GET  
HER ATTENTION?

NO... BUT IF  
HE WANTED TO GET  
HER MAD, HE'S DONE  
A GREAT JOB!





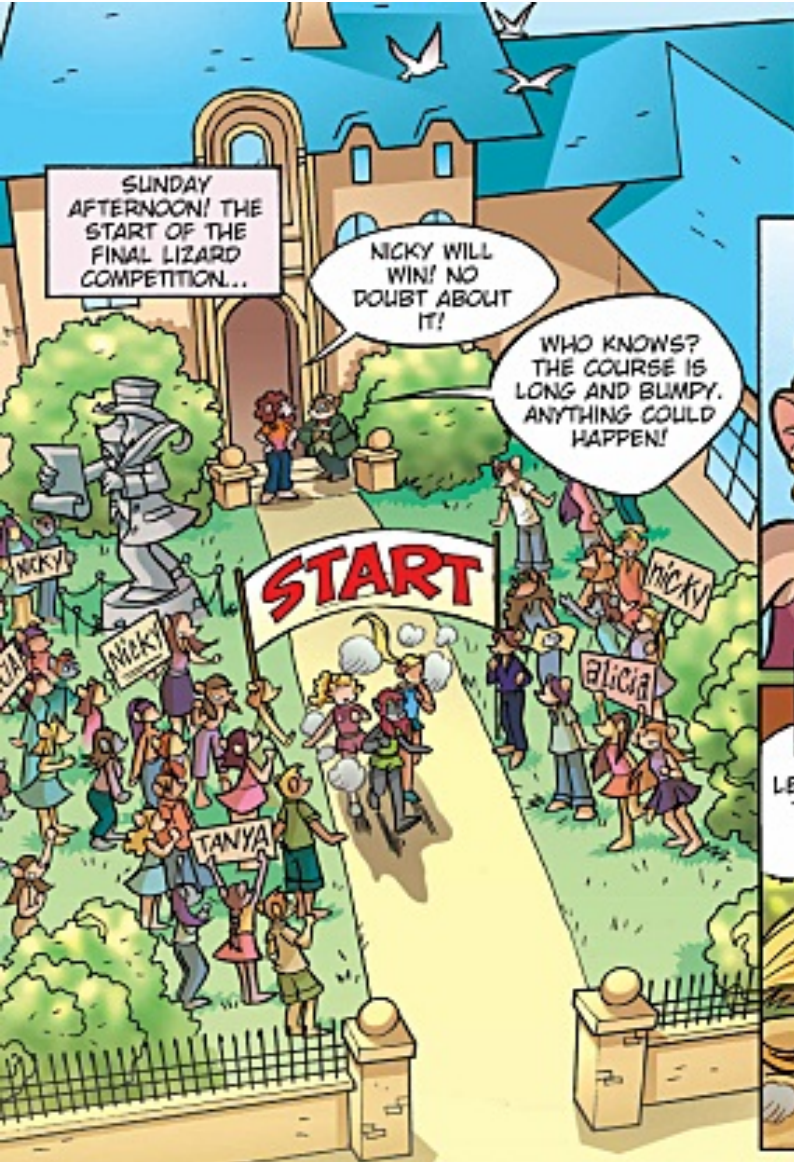




IN THE MEANTIME,  
OUT AT SEA, THE RACE  
BETWEEN CRAIG AND VIC  
IS FINISHING UP...







SUNDAY AFTERNOON! THE START OF THE FINAL LIZARD COMPETITION...

NICKY WILL WIN! NO DOUBT ABOUT IT!

WHO KNOWS? THE COURSE IS LONG AND BUMPY. ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN!

AS EXPECTED, NICKY IMMEDIATELY TAKES THE LEAD AND LEAVES HER TWO OPPONENTS FAR BEHIND HER...



...WHO, INSTEAD OF CATCHING UP WITH HER, KEEP HOLDING EACH OTHER BACK!

GET OUT OF THE WAY, SLUG!

LET ME PASS, TORTOISE!



LEOPOLD HAS LEFT HIS FISHING BOAT AT THE THEA SISTERS'S DISPOSAL, SO THEY CAN FOLLOW THE RACE BY SAILING ALONG THE ISLAND COAST!

GO, NICKY!

TODDODOT TODOT

IF YOU KEEP UP THAT PACE, YOU'LL BREAK ALL THE ACADEMY RECORDS!

BUT, AS THE HEADMASTER SAID, THE RACE IS LONG AND ANYTHING CAN STILL HAPPEN!

THREE QUARTERS OF THE WAY THROUGH, IN FACT, WHEN NICKY PASSES NEAR SEAL GROTTA...

HUH?!



CARTWHEELING KANGAROOS! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! THAT SEAL PUP IS... PINK?!



NICKY'S GENTLE  
ACTIONS AND  
SOFT VOICE  
CALM THE  
TERRIFIED PUP...



POOR THING! YOU'RE  
ALL STAINED! COME ON,  
WE'LL GET YOUR FUR  
ALL NICE AND  
CLEANED UP!



THIS  
SUBSTANCE  
IS SLIMY  
AND... SCENTED!  
WHERE'D YOU  
GET YOURSELF  
DIRTY?



OH, NO! THERE'S  
ANOTHER ONE!

IN THE  
MEANTIME,  
TANYA  
AND ALICIA  
CONTINUE  
THEIR  
RACE...



OW... I CAN'T GO  
ANY... -PANT-  
...FARTHER!



HEE!  
HEE!  
HEE!



HEY!  
HELP!

WHAT'S  
NICKY DOING  
DOWN THERE?  
SHE'S ASKING  
FOR HELP!



HELP  
ME, ALICIA!  
THERE ARE  
SEALS IN  
TROUBLE  
HERE!

NICKY  
STOPPED  
TO HELP SOME  
SEALS? I'LL  
TAKE ADVANTAGE  
OF IT BY GETTING  
AHEAD. VANILLA  
WILL BE PROUD  
OF ME!



I'LL FINISH  
FIRST!

ALICIA DOESN'T  
HESITATE AND  
LENGTHENS HER  
STRIDE...



# FINISH

...TO ARRIVE  
AT THE FINISH  
LINE...

HUH? BUT  
WHERE'D  
EVERYONE  
GO?

# FINISH

THEY ALL  
RUSHED TO  
SAVE THE SEALS!  
THE RACE WAS  
SUSPENDED...  
DIDN'T YOU  
KNOW THAT?

~GRRRI~

ALICIA COULDN'T  
KNOW THAT  
WHILE SHE  
THOUGHT SHE  
WAS RUNNING  
TOWARDS  
VICTORY,  
LEOPOLD'S  
FISHING BOAT  
HAD REACHED  
SEAL GROTTO!

LEO, OVER  
HERE! IT'S LUCKY  
YOU CAME!

EVOLONE II

LEOPOLD HAD  
IMMEDIATELY  
SOUNDED THE  
ALARM AND THE  
NEWS HAD GOTTEN  
AROUND THE ISLAND  
IN A FLASH!

THE FIRST TO GET  
THERE HAD BEEN PROF.  
VAN KRAKEN, FOLLOWED  
BY THE OTHER  
PROFESSORS AND  
ALL THE MOUSEFORD  
STUDENTS...

WE HAVE TO FIND OUT  
WHERE THE SEALS  
GOT STAINED  
THIS WAY!

THERE'S  
ONLY ONE WAY  
TO FIND OUT...

THERE  
MAY BE OTHER  
SEALS IN  
TROUBLE!



WE'LL SEARCH  
THE AREA!

AND SURE  
ENOUGH...

OVER THERE,  
LOOK! THERE'S  
SOMETHING ODD  
FLOATING ON  
THE WATER!

PULVERIZED  
PISTONS!

IT'S A  
**GIGANTIC**  
SPILL!

IT'S COMING  
TOWARDS THE  
COAST!

BUT...

CALL VAN KRAKEN, LEO!  
HE'S SURE TO HAVE ANALYZED THE  
SUBSTANCE! MAYBE IT'S ALGAE...

BUT THE  
PROFESSOR  
HAS BAD NEWS  
FOR THE  
THEA SISTERS...

UNFORTUNATELY  
IT'S AN INDUSTRIAL  
PRODUCT! IT'S  
MANUFACTURING  
WASTE FROM A PAINT  
OR COSMETICS  
FACTORY.

I'LL WARN THE  
HARBORMASTER  
RIGHT AWAY!

FIND A SOLUTION, PROFESSOR! IF  
THIS SPILL REACHES THE COAST,  
IT'LL BE A CATASTROPHE!

WE'VE GOT  
TO DO SOMETHING  
RIGHT NOW!

THE EMERGENCY  
SQUADS ARE LEAVING  
NEW MOUSE CITY!  
THEY'RE NOT GOING  
TO ARRIVE IN  
TIME!



CLEANING UP THAT  
STRETCH OF THE SEA  
AGAIN IN SUCH A HURRY  
WON'T BE EASY...

LET'S USE  
FEATHERS, PROFESSOR!  
REMEMBER THAT ARTICLE ON  
THE ABSORBENT PROPERTIES  
OF FEATHERS?

VIOLET, YOU'RE A  
**GENIUS!**  
FEATHERS WILL ABSORB  
THE OILY SLICK!

THE **ALARM** GOES OUT  
IMMEDIATELY! ON THE  
ISLAND, IT'S A CONTEST  
OF SOLIDARITY!

EVERYONE  
BRINGS THEIR  
PILLOWS AND  
COMFORTERS  
DOWN TO THE  
VESSELS THAT  
STAND READY  
TO LEAVE AND  
STOP THE  
CONTAMINATING  
SPILL...

DO YOU WANT  
TO GIVE YOUR  
DOLL'S BLANKET,  
MARY? ARE  
YOU SURE  
ABOUT  
THAT?

THANKS TO VIOLET'S IDEA  
AND ALL THE ISLANDERS'  
GENEROSITY, THE SPILL IS  
SPEEDILY STOPPED AND  
SUCCESSFULLY ABSORBED!

I WANT TO  
SAVE THE SEALS...  
AND ANYWAY, MY DOLL  
CAN ALWAYS SLEEP  
IN MY BED!



BUT THE THEA SISTERS STILL AREN'T SATISFIED!

IF IT WAS INDUSTRIAL WASTE, WE HAVE TO FIND OUT WHO PRODUCED IT!

AND WHO THREW IT INTO THE SEA...

IDENTIFYING THE EXACT LOCATION WHERE IT WAS DISCHARGED! THAT'S WHERE WE SHOULD START!

IF WE INPUT ALL THE DATA ABOUT THE CURRENTS IN THAT STRETCH OF THE SEA AND THE WINDS OVER THE PAST 24 HOURS INTO THE COMPUTER--

--WE'LL BE ABLE TO FIND THE EXACT SPOT! DO YOU THINK YOU CAN DO IT, PAULINA?

IT'S A HUGE JOB! IT'LL TAKE ME A LOT OF TIME...

SHEN WILL GIVE YOU A HAND! HE'S GREAT WITH COMPUTERS, AND HE OWES ME A FAVOR!

AS MUCH IN LOVE AS HE IS, HE'LL GET HERE ON THE DOUBLE!

**CUT IT OUT!**

IT'S TWO O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING, YOU GUYS! LET'S TRY TO SLEEP FOR AT LEAST A FEW HOURS! THERE'S A GOOD DEAL OF WORK WAITING FOR US TOMORROW!

BUT THAT NIGHT, NOT ONLY THE THEA SISTERS ARE STILL AWAKE...

I'M NOT POSITIVE, BUT THAT PINK SLICK REALLY SEEMS LIKE--

--A PRESENT FROM OUR DEAR MOMMA!



BE QUIET!  
IT'S A  
SENSITIVE  
SITUATION!

MOM SHOULD STOP  
DISCHARGING THE WASTE  
FROM HER FACTORIES\*  
INTO THE SEA!

\*THEY ARE THE COSMETICS  
FACTORIES BELONGING TO  
VIGGIA DE VISSEN, VIC AND  
VANILLA'S MOM. (SEE THEA  
STILTON #1 "THE SECRET  
OF WHALE ISLAND")

THE PROBLEM'S SOMETHING  
ELSE! IF THAT SPILL REALLY  
COMES FROM OUR FACTORIES,  
NO ONE MUST FIND OUT! GOT  
IT? MOM IS COUNTING  
ON US!

MMM...  
GOT IT!

THE COMBINED TALENTS  
OF PAULINA AND SHEN  
SOLVE THE MYSTERY  
SOONER THAN EXPECTED!

MERMAID'S DEEP  
IS THE PLACE  
WE'LL SEARCH!

THE PERFECT  
SPOT FOR  
DUMPING  
CONTAMINATED  
WASTE!

ALERT THE OTHERS  
RIGHT AWAY!

HI, GUYS!  
DID YOU FIND  
SOMETHING OUT?

MERMAID'S DEEP! THAT'S  
WHERE THE  
POLLUTANT  
SPILL CAME  
FROM!

REALLY?  
LEO TOLD ME  
ABOUT SOMETHING  
STRANGE THAT'D  
HAPPENED ALONG  
MERMAID'S DEEP, TOO!  
SO HE WAS RIGHT THEN!  
AND I DIDN'T BELIEVE HIM...

CONNIE  
SENSES THERE'S  
IMPORTANT  
NEWS IN THE  
AIR AND  
MAKES SURE IT  
DOESN'T  
GET MISSED...

THE THEA SISTERS ARE  
ON THEIR WAY TO CATCH  
WHOEVER SPILLED THE  
POLLUTANT INTO  
THE SEA!

WHAAAT?

LEOPOLD...

WHO?

...DINA'S  
FIANCÉ! HE  
SAYS HE'D  
CROSSED THE PATH  
OF THE SHIP THAT  
WAS TRANSPORTING  
THE TOXIC WASTE  
NEAR MERMAID'S DEEP.



IN THE MEANTIME, THE THEA SISTERS EXPLAIN EVERYTHING TO LEO. VIC SECRETLY LISTENS...

THEN YOU BELIEVE ME, FINALLY!

SORRY, FOLDY!



YOU SAID THIS HAPPENED WHEN THERE WAS A NEW MOON, RIGHT?

EXACTLY RIGHT! THE SKY WAS AS DARK AS INK... WITHOUT THE MOON OR STARS!

IT HAD TO HAVE BEEN THOSE CRIMINALS!



THEY WERE MOVING ALONG ON A MOONLESS NIGHT AND DUMPING THEIR TRASH INTO A SAFE STRETCH OF THE SEA... LIKE MERMAID'S DEEP!

WHO KNOWS HOW LONG THEY'VE BEEN DOING IT?

BUT THIS TIME ONE OF THE CONTAINERS WAS DAMAGED AND CAUSED THE SPILL!



TONIGHT'S ANOTHER MOONLESS NIGHT, TOO! DO YOU THINK THEY'LL DO IT AGAIN?

I'D BET ON IT... AND WE HAVE TO CATCH THEM IN THE ACT!

IT'LL BE HARD TO GET THE COAST GUARD TO GO OUT TONIGHT!



MAYBE NOT THE COAST GUARD, BUT I'LL DO IT! AND IT WON'T BE JUST ME!



THEY'RE GOING INTO ACTION TONIGHT, VANILLA! THEY THINK THE SHIP GOES OUT WHEN THERE'S A NEW MOON... AND I'M AFRAID THEY'RE RIGHT!

I'LL WARN MOM!

IT'S TOO LATE! THE SHIP WILL ALREADY BE UNDERWAY! I'LL GO OUT IN THE MOTORBOAT!

I'M COMING WITH YOU! I'LL MEET YOU AT THE DOCK!

LEO ALSO HURRIES TO GET HELP FROM THE OTHER FISHERMEN!

TIME'S PRESSING! WE HAVE TO TAKE OUR BOATS TO MERMAID'S DEEP!

FIRST A BLACK SHIP, NOW POLLUTERS... WHAT'LL YOU MAKE UP TOMORROW, LEO?

BUT THE SPILL IN THE WATER WAS REAL!

I'M WITH YOU, LEO! THOSE LOWLIFES OWE ME A COMFORTER AND TWO FEATHER PILLOWS!

I'M COMING, TOO!

BUT WE'RE JUST THREE FISHING BOATS!

AND WE'LL MAKE THEM BELIEVE THERE ARE MANY OF US!

THE DARK PLAYS IN OUR FAVOR TONIGHT!

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PROVOLON



BUT THE FISHING BOATS AREN'T  
THE ONLY ONES HEADING OUT  
TO SEA THIS NIGHT...

DO YOU WANT  
TO STOP THE SHIP  
OR NOT?

BE CAREFUL!  
YOU'RE GETTING ME  
ALL SOAKED!

WRAAASH!

WELL, THAT'S  
BASICALLY THE  
TRUTH!

OF COURSE,  
I DO! I DON'T  
WANT MOM TO WIND  
UP ON TV ALL OVER  
THE WORLD, ACCUSED  
OF HAVING POLLUTED  
THE ISLAND!

STOP  
TALKING  
NONSENSE, VIC!  
SEE THAT WE  
GET TO MERMAID'S  
DEEP BEFORE THE  
THEA SISTERS!

MEANWHILE ON THE  
PROVOLONE II...

THE SEA'S  
A LITTLE  
SCARY ON SUCH  
A DARK NIGHT!

THE SKY'S  
BLACK; THE  
WATER'S  
BLACK! IT'S AS  
IF SOMEONE'S  
ERASED THE  
WORLD.

HAI HAI HAI! ARE  
YOU ENTERTAINING  
YOURSELVES BY  
TELLING SCARY  
STORIES?  
IF THAT'S  
SO...

...DID I EVER TELL  
YOU ABOUT THE  
MONSTER THAT CAME  
OUT OF THE DEPTHS  
DURING SHADOWY NIGHTS  
LIKE THIS?  
**ROARRR!**

A SUDDEN NOISE ANSWERS  
PAMELA'S ROARING!

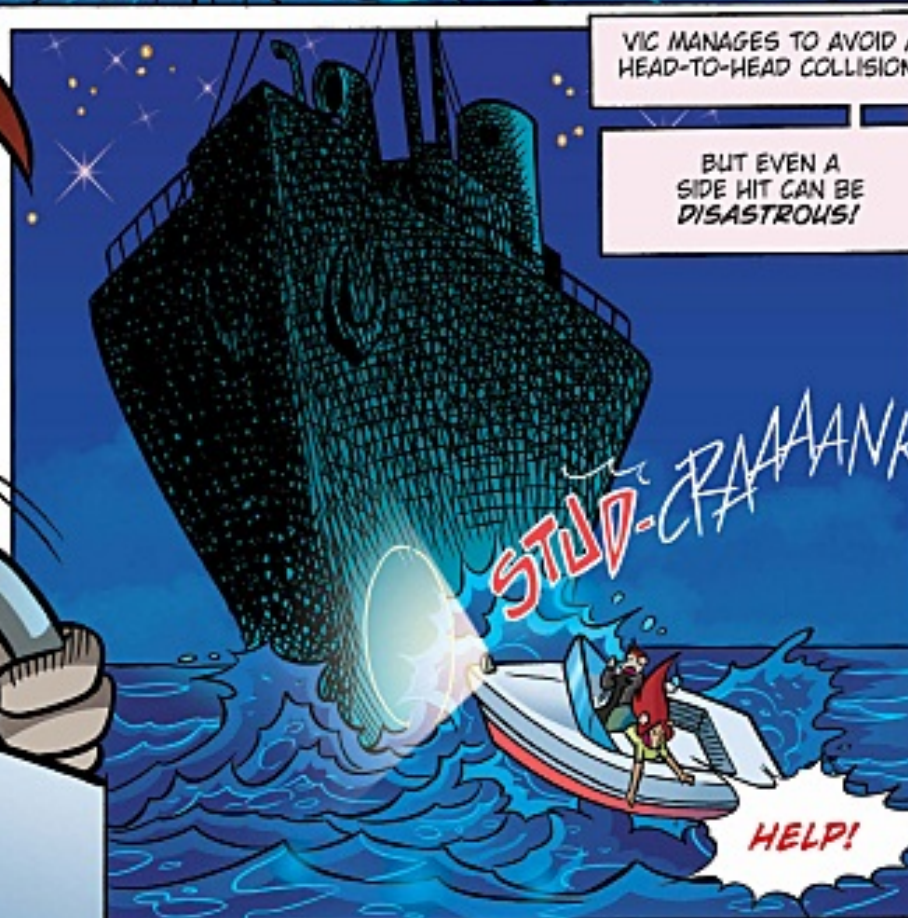
WHAT WAS  
THAT?

THERE'S  
SOMETHING  
OVER THERE!

WRULLLUSH!

SOMETHING  
MUST BE... RUSHING  
FASTER THAN WE ARE!







THREE POWERFUL  
SPOTLIGHTS CUT  
THROUGH THE NIGHT  
AND LIGHT UP THE SHIP!

THE CREW IS TAKEN  
BY SURPRISE!

THE BRIGHT LIGHTS  
BLIND THEM!

THEY THINK  
THE FISHING  
SHIPS ARE  
COAST GUARD  
CUTTERS...

...AND  
SO THEY  
SURRENDER  
WITHOUT  
RESISTING!

SCOUNDRELS!






WHO PAID YOU  
TO THROW ALL THAT  
TRASH INTO THE SEA?

IT'S DE VISSEN  
COSMETICS! WE'RE JUST  
FOLLOWING ORDERS...

THE SURPRISES  
AREN'T OVER YET!




HEY! I KNOW  
THOSE TWO!

COULD  
IT BE? IS  
IT REALLY VIC  
AND VANILLA?



THAT SHIP  
BARELY MISSED  
US, TOO! VIC  
AND I WERE  
COMING TO  
WARN YOU  
OF THE  
DANGER!



THERE WASN'T  
ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO  
INCRIMINATE VIC OR  
VANILLA...AND NOT  
EVEN VISSA  
DE VISSEN!



I KNEW NOTHING ABOUT IT,  
BUT I'VE HELD AN INTERNAL  
INVESTIGATION OF MY FACTORIES  
AND I'M HAPPY TO  
ANNOUNCE THAT I'VE  
DISCOVERED THE  
CULPRITS!

OR RATHER,  
YOU WANTED  
TO WARN THE  
CREW OF THE  
PHANTOM SHIP?

FOR SOME  
ACCUSATIONS YOU  
NEED SOLID PROOF,  
DARLING... AND IF YOU DON'T  
HAVE IT, YOU'RE BETTER  
OFF SHUTTING YOUR TRAP!





THE WRONGDOERS SHALL PAY! I LOVE THE SEA... AND BECAUSE OF THAT, I WILL RECOVER THE TRASH CONTAINERS THAT WERE THROWN INTO THE OCEAN...

DO IT IMMEDIATELY!



THE DE VISSEN PLANTS WILL CLEAN UP MERMAID'S DEEP FROM STEM TO STERN! THIS IS MY SOLEMN PLEDGE!

FOR NOW, THAT'LL SATISFY US!



AND THOSE POOR SEALS? THEY'RE STILL TRAUMATIZED BY HER NEGLIGENCE!



CALM DOWN, NICKY! NOW YOU HAVE TO THINK ABOUT WINNING THE RACE! THE THIRD COMPETITION TAKES PLACE IN A FEW DAYS, REMEMBER?

RIGHT! ...WHO'S THINKING ABOUT THAT ANYMORE?



AND SO, THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY...

GO, NICKY!



IT'S NO FUN REPEATING A RACE YOU DID ONLY A WEEK BEFORE...

...ESPECIALLY FOR SOMEONE WHO'D BEEN UNDER THE ILLUSION THAT SHE'D ALREADY WON IT!



-OOF!-

COME ON, NICKY!



BUT EVEN NICKY SEEMS  
TO SHOW THE EFFECTS  
OF THE ACCUMULATED  
FATIGUE...



ONLY TANYA  
MANAGES  
TO STILL  
HAVE FUN!



ANOTHER TWO COMPETITIONS  
LIKE THIS AND I'LL BE IN GOOD  
SHAPE! ALL THIS WORKING  
OUT MAKES ME FEEL  
GREAT! HA! HA!



ARE YOU THIRSTY,  
NICKY?

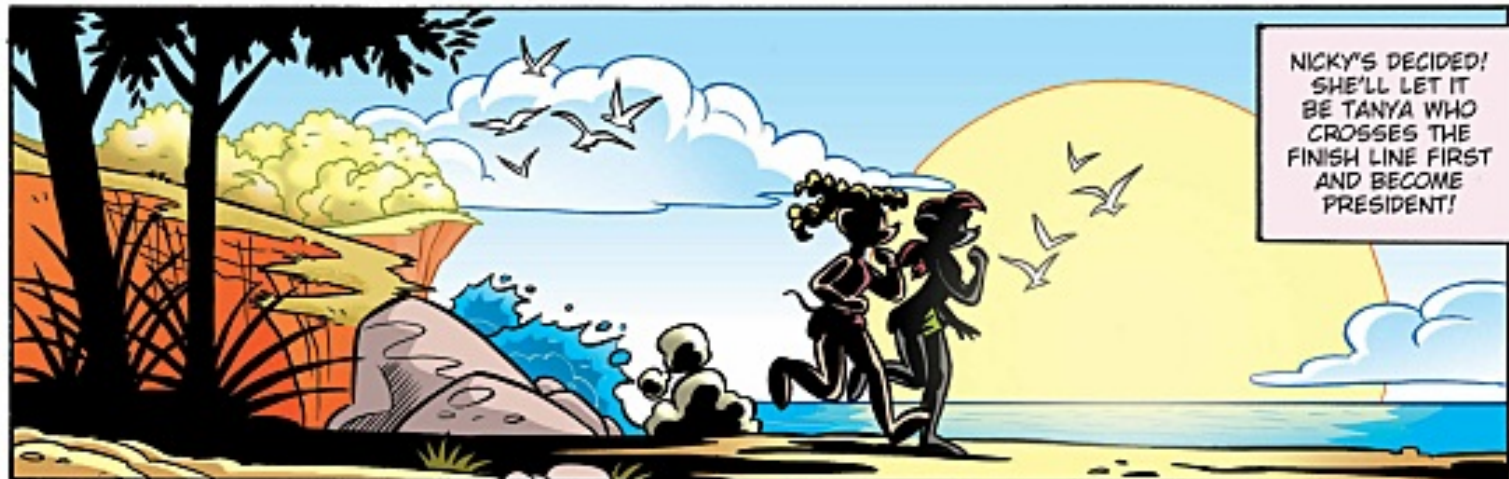
THANKS!



TANYA'S ON THE BALL AND  
GENEROUS! SHE'S GIVING  
IT HER ALL, EVEN THOUGH  
SHE KNOWS SHE  
CAN'T WIN!



SHE'D MAKE AN EXCELLENT  
PRESIDENT OF THE  
LIZARD CLUB...



NICKY'S DECIDED!  
SHE'LL LET IT  
BE TANYA WHO  
CROSSES THE  
FINISH LINE FIRST  
AND BECOME  
PRESIDENT!





END



# Watch Out For PAPERCUTZ™



I'm tempted to dress up in a white suit and say to you "Welcome to Fantasy Island," but I'm sure that won't mean anything to you. You see, years and years ago, there was a popular TV show about this magical place that you could travel to, and once there, your dreams would come true. In some ways, Whale Island is very similar. Instead of travelers, students such as Colette, Violet, Pamela, Nicky, and Paulina have come to Whale Island to attend Mouseford Academy to work hard as students to help make their dreams come true!

Oh, I almost forgot to introduce myself! I'm Salicrup, *Jim Salicrup*, the Editor-in-Chief of Papercutz, the cheese-loving folks dedicated to publishing great graphic novels for all ages. I'm here to welcome you to the sophomore THEA STILTON graphic novel. If you've never seen a THEA STILTON graphic novel before, we sincerely hope you really enjoy it! While it may be a little confusing to call the series "THEA STILTON," we believe once you get to know the Thea Sisters, you'll understand that Thea serves as the inspiration to these wonderful girls, and that her adventurous spirit is felt on every page! If you've already seen THEA STILTON #1 "The Secret of Whale Island," then welcome back! And if you've also been collecting the Papercutz GERONIMO STILTON graphic novels, well, I could just hug you!

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But no matter what, be sure not to miss THEA STILTON #3 "The Treasure of the Viking Ship," coming soon! There's even a special preview on the very next page!

Class dismissed!

*Jim*

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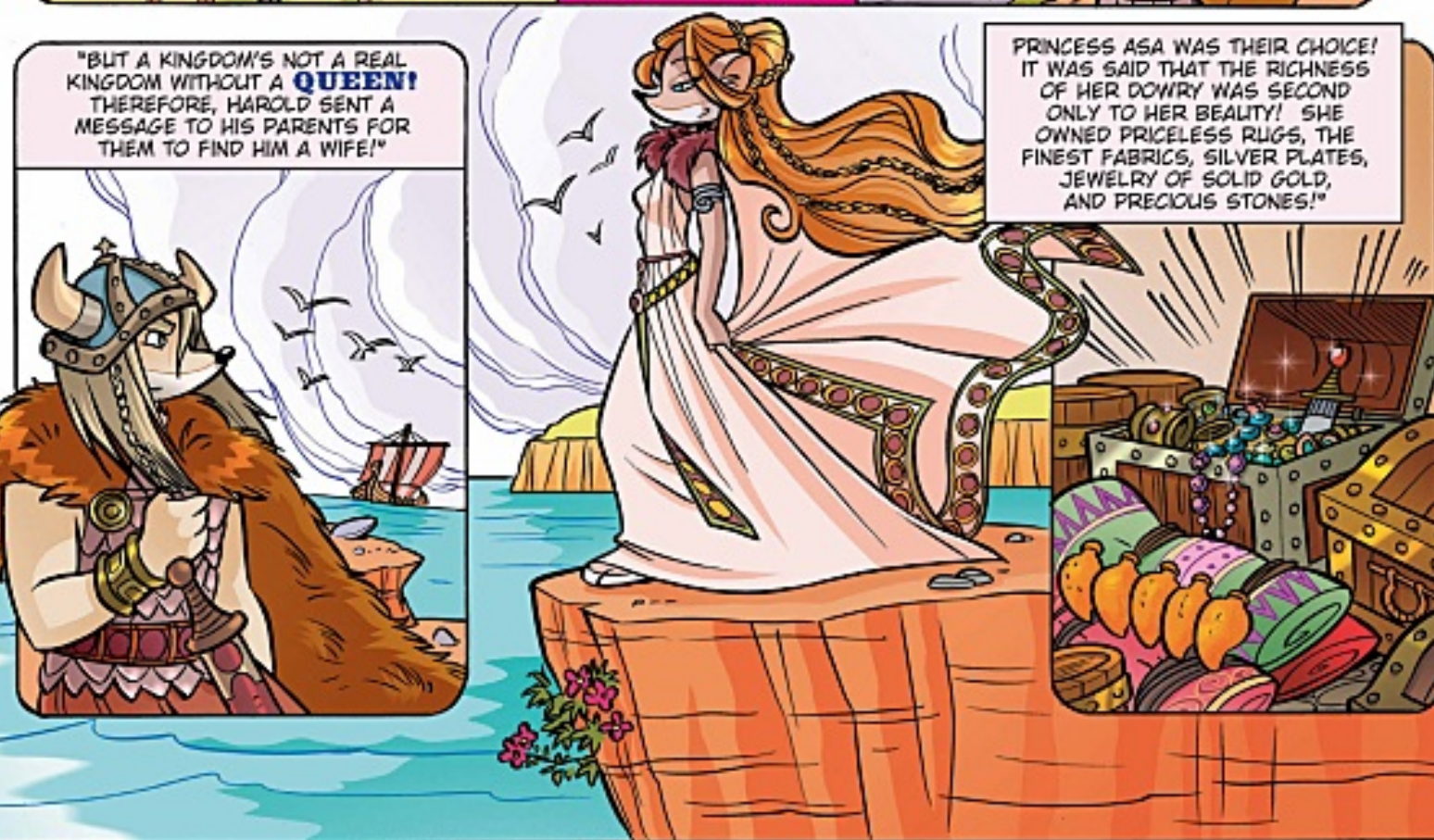
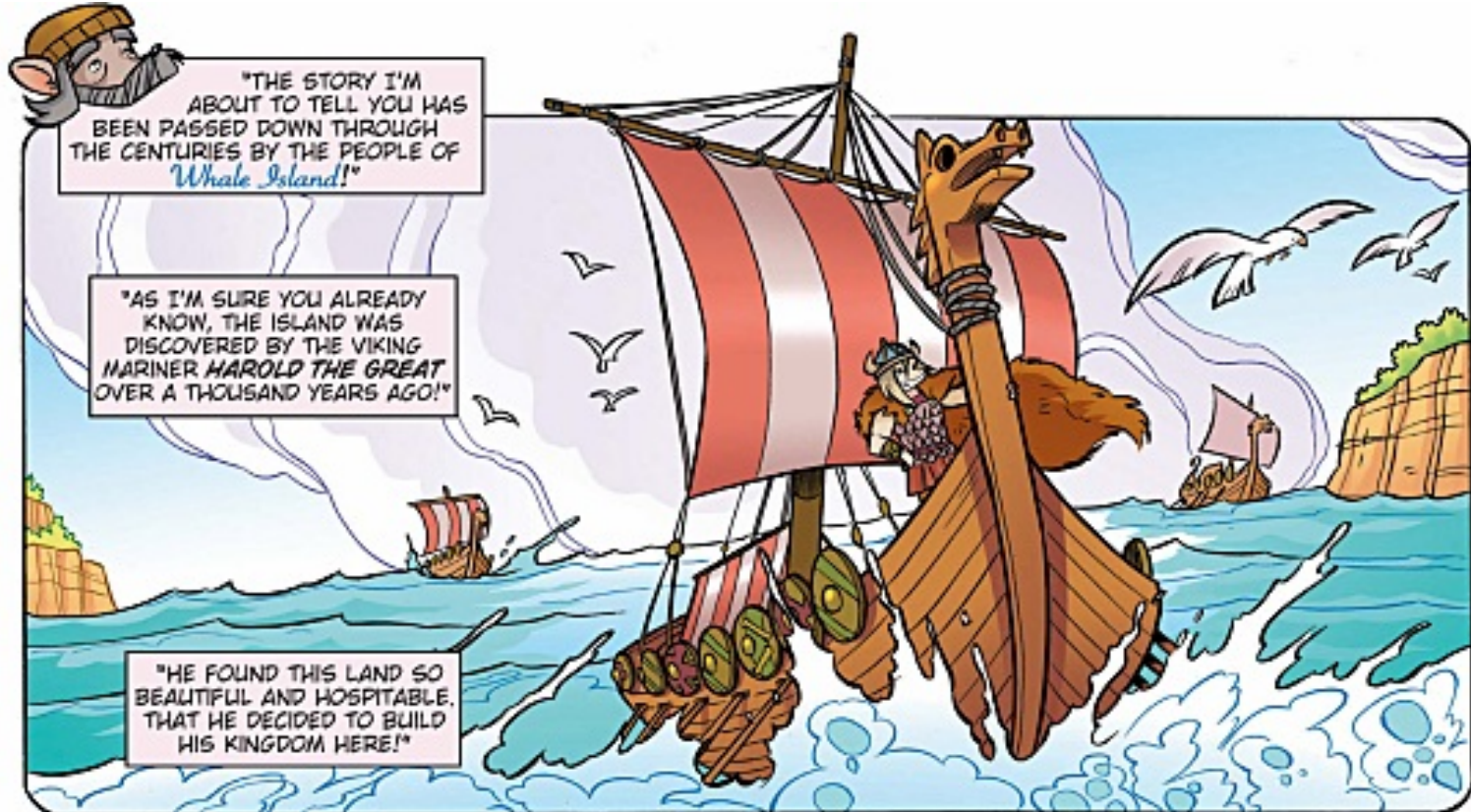




A FEW DAYS LATER, THE DISCOVERY WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN MOUSEFORD ACADEMY'S GREAT HALL!









"THE SHIP THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO CARRY THE TREASURE COULD BARELY FLOAT-- ITS CARGO WAS SO HEAVY!"



"BUT THE MOST PRECIOUS OBJECT WAS A CHEST CONTAINING NEITHER GOLD NOR DIAMONDS... BUT RATHER PERFUME!"

IT CAME FROM FAR OFF PERSIA! NO OTHER QUEEN HAD ANYTHING AS RARE AND PRECIOUS!



WHAT A TALL TALE! THE VIKINGS NEVER WENT TO PERSIA!

HEE! HEE! HEE!



YOU'RE WRONG, VANILLA! THE VIKINGS TRADED WITH CONSTANTINOPLE AND PRODUCTS REACHED THERE FROM NOT JUST PERSIA BUT EVEN CHINA!



SORRY FOR THE INTERRUPTION, MR. SQUID! YOUR STORY IS FASCINATING!

THANK YOU, PROFESSOR RATCLIFF! AS I WAS SAYING...



"...THE SEA VOYAGE WAS LONG AND THE SHIP WAS VERY HEAVY!"





"THE CAPTAIN TOOK THE WRONG ROUTE AND APPROACHED THE ISLAND FROM THE NORTH, NEAR VERY WINDY POINT"



"IT'S A BAD BUSINESS FINDING YOURSELF OVER THERE WHEN THE NORTH WIND BLOWS! THE WAVES WERE AS HIGH AS TOWERS AND THE CURRENTS WERE UNFORGIVING!"

**CRASH**



"WITHOUT A RUDDER AND WITH THE SAILS RIPPED, SUCH A HEAVY SHIP WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO STEER."

OH, NO!  
THEY  
SANK!

NO WAY! THE  
CAPTAIN THREW  
THE TREASURE  
INTO THE SEA  
INSTEAD!

NEITHER OF  
THOSE, KIDS!  
BUT I SEE THAT  
YOU'RE EXCITED  
TO HEAR WHAT  
HAPPENED!  
HEE! HEE!



"EVERYONE WAS SAVED!  
THEY JUMPED ONTO  
MAKESHIFT RAFTS AND LET  
THE SHIP DRIFT AWAY!"

"LUCKILY FOR THEM, KING  
HAROLD HAD BUILT TOWERS  
ALONG THE COAST... AND  
THEY WERE SPOTTED!"



OVER  
THERE!  
LOOK!





"THE CAPTAIN OF THE SHIP WAS IN DESPAIR..."

FORGIVE ME, SIRE! THE TREASURE IS **LOST!**

"...BUT HAROLD WASN'T LISTENING, AS HE ONLY HAD EYES FOR THE BEAUTIFUL ASA!"

LET THE SEA TAKE THE GOLD AND THE JEWELS, TOO! THE **REAL TREASURE** IS SAFE!

**CLAP CLAP**

YOUR GRANDPA IS A GREAT STORY-TELLER, DINA!

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL STORY!

AND THE SHIP? DIDN'T THEY TRY TO RECOVER THE SHIP?

OF COURSE THEY DID! THEY'VE COMBED THE SEA BOTTOM FOR CENTURIES BUT IT **DISAPPEARED!**

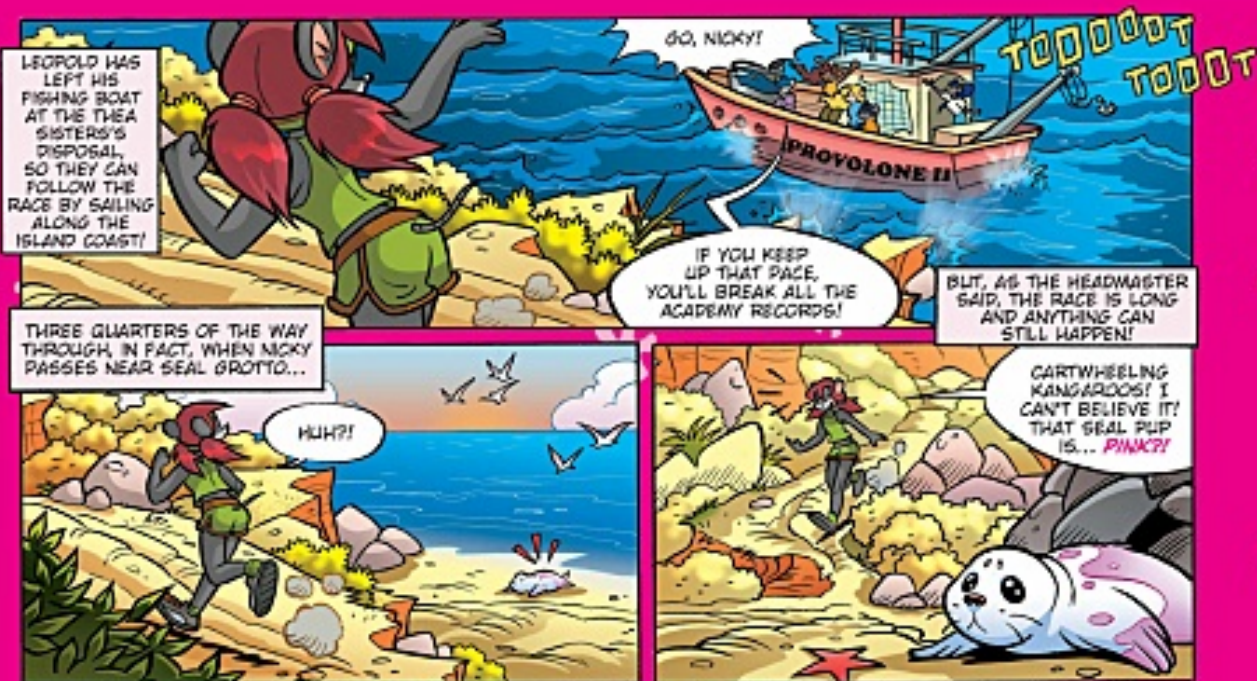
DISAPPEARED? MAYBE NOT...

Don't Miss THEA STILTON #3 "The Treasure of the Viking Ship!"



# LIZARDS VS. GECKOS!

It's election time at Mouseford Academy, and the candidates from the Lizard and Gecko student clubs have to win several competitions if they want to become class president. But during the competitions, something mysterious tries to pollute the island's beaches! The fate of the election and their beautiful island home is at stake!



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